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Setting up of Heritage Hotels
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Tourism is working in collaboration with the State Government, Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Railway Ministry to enhance the infrastructural (particularly transport) facilities in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Ministry of Tourism has chalked out a plan for setting up Heritage Hotels and resorts and Culinary institutes across the nation to complement Tourism infrastructure in the country; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) and (b): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Tourism is working in collaboration with the State Government, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Ministry of Railway for tourism infrastructure development.

The Ministry of Tourism (MOT) has launched following two new plan schemes in the year 2014-15.

1) Swadesh Darshan for Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits around Specific Themes.
2) National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) to beautify and improve the amenities and infrastructure at pilgrimage centres of all faiths.

Under these two new plan schemes of MOT, there is provision for improvement of tourist infrastructure in the circuits including road connectivity leading to tourist sites/destinations, Helipads, Heliports, Airstrips, Ropeways required for tourists, in association with State Governments/UT Administrations. MOT is also sensitizing the State Governments for improvement of better connectivity in various destinations identified in these circuits.

The improvement of rail connectivity in various destinations identified under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme and joint upgradation of tourist amenities in 24 identified railway stations have also been taken up with Ministry of Railways.

(c) and (d): The Ministry of Tourism has set up the Indian Culinary Institute (ICI) under Societies Registration Act, 1860, at Tirupati, with its Northern Regional Centre at Noida. Indian Culinary Institute (ICI) is mandated to function for propagation and preservation of Indian traditional cuisine through research and documentation and to impart education and specialized training in culinary arts, studies and skills.

MOT does not have any scheme for setting up of Heritage Hotels.

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